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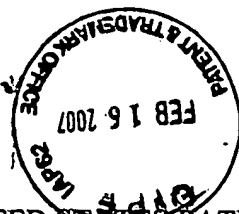
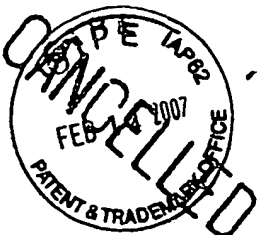
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The reply brief filed 02/15/07 has been entered and considered. The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal.


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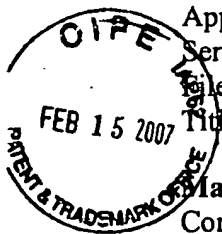
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REPLY BRIEF

Applicants are responding to the Examiner's Answer.

The Examiner contends that the specification "fails to provide specific direction for ascertaining the definition, scope, and implication of the terms 'mixture' and 'blend'." See Examiner's Answer at 10. Based on this, the Examiner interprets a "mixture" and "blend" of carbon fluoride and lithiated manganese dioxide sufficiently broad to encompass, for example, a cathode including a first layer including carbon fluoride and a second layer including lithiated manganese dioxide.

But the specification does provide specific "direction" concerning the meaning of mixture, in particular, and the Examiner's boundless interpretation of mixture is inconsistent with that direction. For the convenience of the Board, applicants will walk through the specific guidance provided in the specification.

Applicants provide an example of a battery covered by claim 25 in Figure 1:

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